

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph inserted by Applicants when the present application was filed at page 1, before the first line, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/116152, filed 16 July 1998, now abandoned, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Indicators for use in the food quality indicator device should be capable of changing colors at temperatures below the freezing point of water. This means that the ~~color~~forming color forming chemical reaction of the indicator with the volatile bases emitted by the decomposed food does not rely on mediation by water. Many commercial pH indicator strips state in their instructions that the strip must be placed in contact with an aqueous solution and read while wet. Experiments using these strips, detailed hereinafter, indicate that the strips do not respond appropriately to bases emitted by spoiled frozen fish.--